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RAJYA SABHA

Corruption in IGNCA

2135. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the widespread corruption in IGNCA;
- (b) whether Government facilities are being blatantly misused for personal gains by the present Director of Administration;
- (c) whether this officer has sublet his Asiad Village flat and has occupied an additional flat in contravention of all rules to entertain his guests;
- (d) whether this officer has accumulated property running into crores during his service;
- (e) whether Government propose to order CBI enquiry into the misdoings in IGNCA;
- (f) if so, by when; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The Director of Administration has been allotted one flat at the Asiad Village. Due to repairs being carried out in this flat, he has been temporarily shifted to another flat.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) to (g) Do not arise.

Mummified body of Lama in village Gyu

†2136. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a mummified body of a Lama in a trance has been found in the village Gyu under district of Lahaul and Spiti;

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(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the said mummy is not being properly preserved due to lack of proper maintenance; and

(c) if so, the efforts being made by Government for preservation of this National Heritage?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) A buried body, dried in arid climate was a chance find in 1983 near the village of Gyu. Spiti sub division in district Lahaul and Spiti, Himachal Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The body is presently under the physical possession of the local villagers. This matter does not come under the purview of the Archaeological Survey of India.

Repair, renovation and development of archaeological monuments

†2137. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an immediate need to repair, renovate and develop a number of archaeological monuments situated in various State including Delhi; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government for repair, renovation and development of these monuments?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Conservation of protected monuments is a continuous process. The protected monuments under the control of Archaeological Survey of India located in different states of the country including Delhi are conserved, preserved and developed as per archaeological principles in vogue.

(b) The conservation, preservation and environmental development of the protected monuments are taken up in accordance with a conservation plan drawn up every year. In addition to this conservation plan, routine maintenance and repair works are taken up as and when necessary.

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